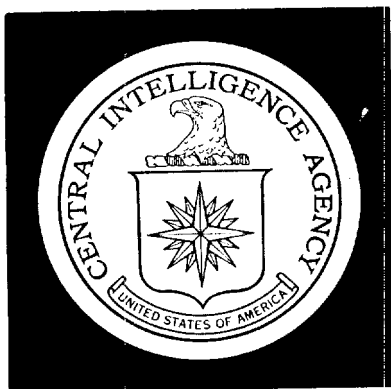


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IRAN-IRAQ: THE SHAH FEARS THAT THE TRUCE BETWEEN BAGHDAD AND THE IRAQI KURDS, IF IT HOLDS, WILL FREE IRAQI MILITARY RESOURCES FOR SUBVERSION AGAINST IRAN AND THE PERSIAN GULF AND WILL INDIRECTLY OPEN THE DOOR TO GREATER SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE AREA.

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[REDACTED] HE REGARDS THE TRUCE AS PART OF A SOVIET PLAN AND BELIEVES THE NEXT MOVE WILL BE AGITATION AMONG THE KURDS IN IRAN AND TURKEY. ALTHOUGH THE SHAH'S FEARS ARE PROBABLY EXAGGERATED, HE IS CERTAIN TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON THE US TO SELL HIM ADDITIONAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT ON ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS. HE IS ALSO PRESSING THE WESTERN OIL CONSORTIUM FOR MORE REVENUES TO FINANCE GREATER DEFENSE EXPENDITURES.

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